

**Service Committee**  
**July 21, 2008**  
**5:45 PM**  
**Minutes**

**Call to order:** Mr. Paini called the meeting to order at 5:45pm

**Roll Call:** Present for roll call were Mr. Paini (Chair) and Mrs. Turner. Also in attendance was Mayor Ebert, Steve Smith (WWTP), Bill Sims (Const. Svcs), Matt Peoples (Public Works), Dick Miller (Urban Forester), Joe Taylor (WTP) and Steve Farst (Village Engineer) will be joining the meeting later.

Mr. Paini moved to excuse Dr. Bender. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

**VOTE: AYES: Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner**  
**NAYS:**  
Motion carried.

Mr. Peoples noted that Ed Snyder is on vacation and Shawn Starcher was to be his replacement, but had a family emergency.

Mr. Paini moved to approve the minutes of the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Service Committee Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Turner.

**VOTE: AYES: Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner**  
**NAYS:**  
Motion carried.

**New Items for Discussion:**

**08-23 Gender Rd Safety Study – Presentation by EMH&T**

Mr. Farst introduced Larry Creed, manager of the Traffic Engineering Group at EMH&T. The study is complete and has been submitted to ODOT for their review. If they concur, hopefully ODOT will agree to sponsor improvements outlined in that study from the ODOT Safety Fund Program.

Mr. Creed presented a power point presentation of the results of the Safety Study.

Possible improvements outlined were...

1. Left turn lane for North bound traffic in front of Bob McDorman.
2. Widening of the road at Gender / Lehman and creating turn lanes.

Discussion ensued regarding the maps / slides.

Mr. Farst added that if the State finds that the study is worthy of sponsorship, there is an opportunity every 6 months to go into the competition for funding with the first opportunity coming this September.

Mr. Peoples stated that this information is an update on the status of the project and we are awaiting response from ODOT. No further action needed from Council at this time.

Mr. Paini added that he would like to see some more averages in order to have other data by which to compare the numbers shown in the study.

## **08-24 Vehicle Meter Reading Purchase – Presentation by Matt Peoples & Joe Taylor**

Mr. Taylor prepared a presentation regarding the meters that are able to be read from a vehicle.

This item has been budgeted for in 2008. The reader would give the water department much more flexibility. It would take less manpower to read the meters, putting people back into the water plant. The readings would take much less time. It would also eliminate the discrepancy between the outside and inside meter.

In 2003, the meter replacement program began in the older areas of town. At this time there are 2890 meters in the Village of Canal Winchester. As of today, 79% have been replaced.

Currently, the meter is read from the vehicle that stops at each house and the button is pushed to register the reading. The new unit will send out a signal to wake up all the meters in a given area and send the information en masse to the receiver... thus greatly expediting the process.

Mr. Paini asked if there are larger scale options where you don't have to drive. There is but it is a large expense and a lot of equipment involved. It is a fixed base unit and it doesn't use the current MXU's.

This unit ...

- helps reduce meter reading cost
- no need to re-drive the whole route if a reading is lost.
- eliminates guesswork to the most efficient route to drive
- displays MXU battery low signal, which will become increasingly helpful as the life-spans of the batteries begin to end in the next few years.

The remaining meters should be changed out by 2010 so that all the meters would be compatible with this system.

A sponsor will be needed for legislation in the future. This presentation will go in front of full Council by the next meeting. Mr. Paini will sponsor the legislation.

## **08-25 Columbus Street Tree Planting Plan**

Mr. Sims stated that the opening of Columbus Street was successful and part of that is re-introducing as many trees as possible along the street. A plan has been put together and species of trees, as well as pricing is being looked into. Ideally, all the trees will be planted late this fall.

### **Staff Reports:**

#### **Bill Sims –**

Closed portion of Columbus St was re-opened on Friday.

Work west of Washington Street is continuing. Curbs will be poured on Thursday. Paving will be toward the end of August.

Slurry seal work was done in Ashbrook Village last week.

Various striping and punch out work will be done and then Street program will be completed.

90-95% of the plan on the Interurban will be complete this week.

Water tower contract is still being looked into.

Dietz/Gender light will go on flash at different times for no reason. The controller was reconstructed, so the problem should be taken care of.

Kickoff meeting for the Eichorn Road design was this morning.

**Matt Peoples –**

Kick off meeting for Safe Routes for School travel plan was last Friday. Another meeting planned for this Friday.

NIMS updates are due August 29<sup>th</sup> and are being worked on by myself and Mr. Smith.

**Ed Snyder –**

Summer help is chipping yellow paint off curbs and clearing the ROW of branches and over growth on Groveport Rd.

Crews are assisting Mr. Miller with tree list removal.

They are continuing park moving.

The cloverleaf by 33 has been cleared of weeds and debris.

Swim team championships are this Thursday.

**Dick Miller –**

A low impact walking path .6 mile loop is in the James Kelley Park.

A draft list of 74 street trees proposed for fall planting. Streets proposed are Eliza Dr., Mistover Lane, Jones Place, Highland Ave, W Fairfield St. and Ashstone Ct.

29 trees are on place to be planted on Columbus Street.

Ash trees are slated to be removed and replaced. 11 of 21 have been removed and 39 have been re-planted.

Clay Mulch is in a bed behind 36 S. High. We are experimenting with it for possible use at the Interurban building.

The bridgework on Washington Street over Running Bear Run will receive the proper signage from Franklin County.

**Joe Taylor –**

Water quality sampling will be picking back up for Ohio EPA.

Chris Hartung is working on backflow surveys throughout the Village of Canal Winchester.

One broken fire hydrant was replaced and there is one more to go.

Summer help is painting hydrants.

Water complaints are down to one every one or two months.

**Steve Smith –**

June was the wettest month in history for Columbus and there was no water in basements or excursions.

I&I work is underway.

Mr. Smith shows information on a handout and discusses the data.

Computerization of flood control is in and is cutting edge.

UV lighting is being worked on and automation is being added.

New permit to discharge came in.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Farst stated that the Thrush Drive reconstruction specifications are beginning to come together for bid activity after the first of the year.

The Thoroughfare Plan update is underway.

Additional intersections south of 33 are being looked at with Mr. Peoples' office to formulate a strategy for submitting grant applications to OPWC.

**Pended Items:**

**08-08 Tower Maintenance Contract**

Request that this item be tabled.

**08-10 Sludge Press**

Request that this item be tabled.

**Old/New Business:** None at this time.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Turner moved to adjourn this meeting of the Service Committee, seconded by Mr. Paini.

**VOTE: AYES: Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner**

**NAYS:**

Motion carried.

Time out 6:58pm